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SUBJECT: ZANU "ESCAPEES"

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1. ON JULY 14 EMBOFF APPROACHED E.R. TSHABALALA, HEAD OF POLICE INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, ABOUT REPORTS OF ZANU MEMBERS IN SWAZILAND. EMBOFF MADE NO REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH P.M. SHABANGU, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER (REF A). EMBOFF MADE CLEAR IT WAS TO BE HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH BACKGROUND. TSHABALALA STATED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THE ZANU MEMBERS REPORTED IN PRESS TO BE IN SWAZILAND WERE NOT RPT NOT HERE. HE ALSO SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THEY HAD NOT EVER BEEN IN SWAZILAND. EMBOFF QUESTIONED TSHABALALA AT LENGTH ABOUT ASPECTS OF CASE THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN HEDGING ABOUT, E.G., WERE ZANU MEMBERS OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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NEWSPAPERS IN SWAZILAND; COULD SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE POLICE BE HIDING THE ZANU MEMBERS, ETC. HE REPLIED THAT THE INTELLIGENCE BRANCH HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM GOS TO LOCATE THE ZANU MEMBERS IF THEY WERE IN SWAZILAND, AND THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

2. NEXT DAY (JULY 15) CHARGE DISCUSSED SITUATION

WITH P.M. SHABANGU TO SEE WHETHER HE WAS ABLE/WINLLING TO SUPPLEMENT THE INFO HE HAD EARLIER GIVEN TO EMBOFF, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER HE COULD INDICATE ZANU MEMBERS' PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND WHETHER HE COULD PROVIDE THEIR NAMES AND RANKING WITHIN ORGANIZATION. SHABANGU CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE STILL IN SWAZILAND AND SAID HE DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO NAMES AND RANKS. (HE WAS ONLY MATTER OF HOURS FROM DEPARTING FOR KHARTOUM FOR OAU SUMMIT AND COULD NOT HAVE RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE THAT SATURDAY AFTERNOON FOR ANY DETAILED INFO WITHOUT ATTRACTING UNDESIRABLE ATTENTION IN ANY CASE.)

3. COMMENT: DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT NEITHER TSHABALALA OR SHABANGU IS AT LEAST GENERALLY AWARE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE ZANU MEMBERS. HOWEVER, GIVEN SWAZILAND'S EXTREME SENSITIVITY ON MATTERS OF THIS NATURE, KING HAS PROBABLY PERSONALLY ORDERED ANYONE IN THE KNOW NOT RPT NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT. LIKELY THAT ZANU MEMBERS ARE IN DETENTION HERE PENDING ROYAL DECISION ON THEIR FATE.
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